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AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT

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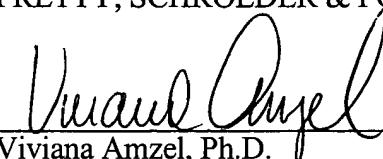
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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, applicants are herewith making of record copies of the references cited in the PCT International Search Report that might be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. A PTO Form 1449 listing the references is enclosed.

Applicant requests the examiner to consider these references during examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted.  
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